PAST TENSES IN NEWS REPORTS

Name: _____ Date: _____

Remember! News reports mainly use past tenses because the events are already over.

1 Choose the correct past tense.

2 marks each

Circle the correct verb in each sentence.

1. The fire (broke out / breaks out) in the hotel at midnight.
2. People (were waiting / waited) outside when the concert began.
3. By the time the police arrived, the thief (had run / ran) away.
4. The heavy rain (caused / was causing) floods in the city.
5. The rescue team (had been searching / searched) for the boy for three hours before they found him.
6. The museum (opened / had opened) in 2010.



2 Put the words in brackets into the correct past tense.

2 marks each

1. Yesterday morning, the storm _____ (hit) the coastal town.
2. The students _____ (visit) the science museum last Friday.
3. By the time we arrived, the movie _____ (already / start).
4. The players _____ (train) hard for the match all week.
5. The bridge _____ (collapse) after the heavy rain.
6. She _____ (write) her report before the interview began.



3 Read the short news report. Underline the verbs and write which past tense they are.

2 marks each

School Science Fair Success

Last Saturday, our school held its annual Science Fair. Many students took part and displayed their projects. By the end of the day, the judges had chosen the winners. ZhiNing's team won first place for their model of a clean energy city. They had worked on it for weeks! Everyone was excited and learned a lot.



Verb (underline in the text)	Past Tense (write: Past Simple / Past Continuous / Past Perfect / Past Perfect Continuous)
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	

4 Fix the mistakes. Rewrite each sentence correctly.

2 marks each

1. The concert was start at 8 p.m. _____
2. By the time we got to the station, the train have left. _____
3. They had went to the park before it rained. _____



5 Each student is a news reporter! Read the situation below and write ONE sentence about it. Use a different past tense (Past Simple, Past Continuous, Past Perfect or Past Perfect Continuous).

3 marks each

ZhiNing
You saw a car accident on your way to school.
_____

Sean
You were at the library when the power went out.
_____

Jordan
You had been practising for the sports day all week.
_____

Robert
You found a lost wallet in the playground.
_____

Thaddeus
You visited your grandparents during the weekend.
_____

Bekir
You had been collecting bottles for recycling for months.
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Challenge: Can you write two sentences using two different past tenses about the same event?

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Total Mar[illegible] /13

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